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COVID-19 Congregate Meal Waivers & Q&As on Summer Meal Delivery Using Existing Authority

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On March 9, 2020, FNS began approving waivers enabling Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors to serve meals in a non-congregate setting and at school sites during school closures related to the coronavirus. FNS also issued guidance on delivery using existing authorities in summer meal programs.

This waiver was granted to all 50 states, DC, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Select from the following list to see all of the COVID-19 waivers issued for your state in child nutrition programs.

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SFSP and Seamless Summer Option Meal Delivery Using Existing Authority: Question and Answer

[Can schools that have been approved for non-congregate feeding through SFSP or SSO deliver meals directly to students' homes?](#)

[What funding is available for meal delivery?](#)

[Who is eligible to receive home-delivered meals under SFSP and SSO?](#)

[What are the requirements for initiating home meal delivery for a household?](#)

How many home-delivered meals per child may be delivered at once?

Do home-delivered meals need to be shelf-stable?

If a household has children in multiple schools, can the schools coordinate to provide one home delivery for all children in the household?

Meals Offered during Distance Learning

What options do schools have if the school facilities are closed but they continue to offer online learning?

Meals Served During Scheduled School Breaks

If a scheduled spring break was postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19, may meals served while schools were closed be claimed under SFSP/SSO, provided the school had an approved unanticipated school closure waiver?

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